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Report of Contact with Juri Raus

Background and Meeting Arrangements

1. On 27 December 1963 the undersigned received a telephone call from [] of the Office of Security who indicated that there were certain problems involving Subject and that someone should meet him. However, [] was told that Subject was now being handled by [] who was now assigned to SR Division under []. [] promised to contact GSA. Later in the afternoon [] of SR Division (B565) telephoned to request that the undersigned contact Raus and pick up some papers he wished to give CIA. This was agreed upon since the undersigned had met Raus on one occasion and since both the undersigned and Raus worked in the same general area of Washington. At 1600 hours Subject was contacted by the undersigned at [] at his office (382 7th St, room []) of the [] building at []) and a meeting was scheduled for 1615 hours in the cocktail lounge of the Roger Smith Hotel. The meeting was held as scheduled and lasted until 1650 hours.

Operational Discussion

2. The undersigned has met Subject on two occasions and both times Subject has been under stress. The first time was last summer when he was obviously suffering the strains of a violent hangover. At this meeting Subject was suffering from visibly from the effects of real or imagined provocations and was seeking someone to give him reassurance and confidence and to confirm that he was not "alone" and was not adrift to "take the rap" for CIA. The undersigned listened to Subject's story with patience and understanding and assured him that CIA would not abandon him and that he would be reassured on this score within the near future by the proper officers. There were no persons to be picked-up and apparently there was some sort of a garble on this score. The only outstanding action

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is for someone to contact Subject and tell him officially that he is not being abandoned and "left holding the bag" and will be assisted with advice and guidance as the situation demands.

3. Upon meeting Subject, the undersigned stated that he had merely received a telephone call ordering him to call Subject. The undersigned indicated he knew none of the details of the present situation but would be willing to deliver any papers or messages/which were required. The undersigned told the following story:

"I am really upset. I have the feeling that I am being left holding the bag and I would ~~probably~~ like to tell you a few things. I did not want to meet [] and asked a security officer whom is from your organization probably and whom I had not seen months ago, to place me in touch with the proper people in order to get some advice. I have gradually become very despairing during the past six months or so of association with your organization and certain personality conflicts have arisen with []. Most of it centers around the KETME affair and my role in this matter as the leader of the Estonian Veterans Organization. I have assisted CIA in so far as I have been able by giving complete information concerning KETME's itinerary and activities in the USA, in spreading the word that "a responsible government agency" believes KETME do be no good, and in spreading certain rumors e.g. that KETME would be picked up the next time he entered the USA. Now, various elements within the Estonian emigration are demanding that I show evidence to backstop my allegations against KETME especially since KETME entered the USA at Buffalo, NY on 17 November without any identification whatsoever. There are even rumors going around that KETME is going to bring a lawsuit against me for defamation of character and slanderous attacks. It really amounts to a movement against me to prove myself and that I'm not working for the

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ED and defending HNMN, a nationalist and "colonial" writer. I am so disturbed because Paul told me there was nothing he could do to help me. I have gone to the FBI and to DIA and NSA, and both indicate that they can not act until there is real evidence which can be presented in court and which can prove as a basis to his claim. . I do not believe my demands are unreasonable; I merely want my position in this controversy to be supported by someone like CIA so that I will not be fighting alone. I need some "ammunition" or some evidence to present to the Estonian community to prove my good faith and that I was working at the behest of a responsible government agency. I have no reason to doubt CIA, there must have been a misunderstanding. What I desire is to practice due process so I can defend myself against malicious political attacks and a possible criminal suit. Perhaps you could go to members of the Estonian National Com. who can tell them that I acted on your behalf. For example, Frau KELMI of Vienna Austria, a member of the Committee has begun to attack me now. Waldemar KERK of Baltimore, a school friend of KELMI and Frau KPERD of New York, another "ECC" friend, are also attacking me with renewed vigor. I need assistance but now I have the feeling I am being abandoned since CIA has dropped the support of the Estonian referents in NYC and since [] has been transferred and no one now seems interested in Estonian activity.

There was one other point which bothered me and that was the HNMN matter. My wife prepared some material on the HNMN case for Paul and it was excellent and I asked several times for permission to surface it but was told that the material was not to be used yet. The day after I was told this the first of several installments of the material appeared in the Vana-Eesti newspaper in NYC. When I brought this to [] attention he indicated that he too had been deceived. I do not believe this. I have lost much of my faith in CIA and must bring these matters to someone's attention because I do not believe I should be treated this way.

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4. The undersigned made the following points with Subject:

- a. he should relax and stop worrying about there was no law suit as yet and accusations and counter-accusations etc. all within the entire political scene
- b. he should not worry about being "whistled the bag" since this is in no way the policy of CIA when dealing with individuals who have done the Agency's wishes as he obviously had done.
- c. he should be able to count on receiving sound legal advice if and when a formal suit was initiated
- d. he should not count on receiving any letter or document which indicated that PRIME was believed to be KGB by the US Government or which indicated that Subject had acted in the best interests of the USSR when making certain statements
- e. he should rest assured that I would inform the people who had telephoned me of Subject's views and that in all probability either the undersigned or some other official would recontact him to advise him in some depth on his problem
- f. he should realize that [] was an outside Army officer with long experience and knowledge and that he would not deliberately deceive or misinform Subject. There was room for misunderstanding or some temporary action on []'s part taken upon the direct order of a supervisor. She should realize that [] still had the highest regard for him as did the undersigned who appreciated his readiness to help CIA when called upon to do so.

5. Upon hearing the above, Subject ordered and paid for a second beer/(the undersigned had paid for the first round but declined the second or the statement that he had to report to superior authority before 1700 hours). He agreed that he would not worry in undue fashion over the weekend and would keep his emotions under control until after the holidays by which time the matter could be fully resolved and some more official reading given to him which would be fully satisfactory. CIA remained worried about

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the need for clearing his own reputation with those who are attacking him or
begin to doubt his leadership ability. He has made it to the fact that
in stock and libel suits the burden of proof is on the person who is sued. He
referred to the Saturday Evening Post case which has recently been publicized
and where the evidence was found insufficient to sustain the allegations made.
Subject has no proof whatever which he can produce which would indicate that KGB
is under the control of the CIA and this would be a morally and politically

Conclusion

6. Subject was somewhat more under control when the CIA had departed but,
if time, certain of his allegations are true to the last, efforts should prob-
ably be taken to approach certain selected members of the Estonian National
Committee and apprise them of the evidence which substantiates of Subject's efforts
in CIA's behalf so that they can throw the weight of their influence against those
attacking Subject. Secondly, discussions should probably be held with an agency
legal authority to obtain from him whatever advice and guidance is necessary to
protect Subject and the Agency from attack. Without these two steps, the Agency
will certainly suffer in the eyes of the Estonian opposition because, ^{unless} secrecy
agreement or not, Subject is not ready or willing to go on his future and his
career on the alter of ideological motivation in sacrifice. He will let
it be known that CIA and the US Government have left him holding the bag". THIS
This should not be allowed to happen if possible. Not only has Subject cooperated
with SIS in the Estonian effort but he is also part of KGB's AMENDAY program, an
employee of the Bureau of Public Roads and a member of a reserve unit. Copies
are attached for possible dissemination to Federal Bureau, FBI and other interested
elements if this is desired.

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